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## CRACK COCAINE DEALER SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS 10 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

-Caught red handed in downtown Louisville Taco Bell parking lot

LOUISVILLE, KY - Zephaniah L. Goodloe, of Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, was sentenced to 5 years and 10 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, for possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Charles R. Simpson, III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Goodloe to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

On June 8, 2007, Goodloe plead guilty to the indictment which charged him with knowingly and intentionally possessing with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine. The charges stemmed from his involvement with drug trafficking on February 8, 2006 when he was arrested by LMPD Officers at a downtown Louisville Taco Bell parking lot for his role in distributing 3 grams of crack cocaine to a Taxi driver named Roanay Gray. Goodloe was a part of an operation with three other co-defendants involving 36 grams of "crack" and 14 grams of cocaine.

The investigation began on February 8, 2006, when LMPD Officers were called to the

Red Carpet Inn, located on S. Hurstburne in Louisville, Kentucky, regarding a couple of unruly guests. Upon responding, the LMPD Officers were informed by the hotel clerk that she had a verbal altercation with a couple of women, later identified as Chrishaundra Murray and Tiffaney Jones, who were staying at the hotel. The clerk had noticed that there was a lot of "traffic" at the room where the girls were staying, and thought there might be some drug activity.

The LMPD Officers set up surveillance on the hotel room and soon after observed a vehicle driven by Zephaniah Goodloe with Antoinne Goodloe in the passenger seat, park near the room. LMPD Officers then observed both Goodloe brothers exit the vehicle and enter the room, where the two girls were staying. Soon after, both brothers exited the room and returned to the vehicle. LMPD Officers then followed the Goodloe brothers to the Taco Bell restaurant located on Broadway Street in downtown Louisville. At the Taco Bell restaurant, the LMPD Officers observed Antoine Goodloe hand something to a cab driver, later identified as Roanay L. Gray, Jr. At this point, the LMPD Officers detained all three individuals.

A search of Roanay Gray's vehicle revealed approximately 3 grams of crack cocaine, which Gray stated that he had purchased from Antoinne for \$100. Gray purchased the crack cocaine to sell to others. A search of the Goodloe's and their vehicle revealed the following: \$100 on the floorboard of the Goodloe's vehicle, \$1093 and a Red Carpet Inn room key on the person of Zephaniah Goodloe, \$2416 and a Red Carpet Inn room key on the person of Antoinne Goodloe.

The LMPD Officers then returned to the Red Carpet Inn and were able to obtain consent to search room 162, that was being occupied by Chrishaundra Murray and Tiffaney Jones.

Inside the room, the LMPD Officers found approximately 33 grams of crack cocaine and 14 grams of powder cocaine, inside of a boot and a hair spray bottle. The street value of the crack and powder cocaine was estimated to be \$5,000.

Co-defendants Roanay Gray, Ashley Graves, and Chrishaundra Murray were previously sentenced by United States District Judge Charles R. Simpson, III. Murray was sentenced to 5 years, Graves to 1 year, and Gray to 1 year and 2 months. Co-defendants Antoinne Goodloe and Tiffaney Jones are pending sentencing.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Louisville Metro Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

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